

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the subject application, and are presently under consideration. Claims 1-20 are rejected. Claims 1, 3, 5, 11 and 15 have been amended. Claim 2 has been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and comments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1 and 11 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0005291 to Burn ("Burn"). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 has been amended to substantially incorporate the elements recited in claim 2. Thus, claim 2 has been canceled. Additionally, claim 1 has been amended to recite that a Tokenizing Officer comprises a person. Accordingly, amended claim 1 recites reviewing, by a Tokenizing Officer, credentials of a user and forwarding a user ID number and token ID number to a CMS (Certificate Management System) along with an E-form (electronic form) request and signature of the Tokenizing Officer, wherein the Tokenizing Officer comprises a person.

Burn does not disclose a Tokenizing Officer, as recited in amended claim 1. As stated above, amended claim 1 recites that the Tokenizing Officer is a person. In the Final Office Action dated October 4, 2005 (hereinafter, "Final Office Action"), in the rejection of claim 2, the Final Office Action alleges that Burn discloses an hardware token processor (HTP), a web browser and a Certificate Management System, and that it would have been obvious to form the Tokenizing Officer recited in claim 2 (See Final Office Action, Pages 4-5). However, amended claim 1 recites that the Tokenizing Officer is a person. Burn does not teach or suggest that any second person, and particularly not a Tokenizing Officer, is employed during the HTP initialization process disclosed in Burn. That is, Burn does not teach or suggest reviewing, by a Tokenizing Officer, credentials of a user and forwarding the user ID number and token ID number to a CMS along with an E-form request and signature of the Tokenizing Officer, wherein

the Tokenizing Officer comprise a person. Accordingly, Burn does not teach or suggest each and every element of amended claim 1. Thus, Burn does not anticipate amended claim 1 or make amended claim 1 obvious and therefore amended claim 1 should be patentable.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite that a Tokenizing Officer utilizes a terminal in a badging facility to forward a unique ID number of a user to which a particular token is to be issued along with a unique ID number of a particular token ID number by storing the correspondence there between in a directory/database, wherein the Tokenizing Officer comprises a person.

As stated above with respect to amended claim 1, Burn does not teach or suggest a Tokenizing Officer that comprises a person, as recited in amended claim 11. Burn discloses that a user that is engaged in an enrollment process use a web browser to call an enrollment process stored on a certificate authority server (See Burn, Para. [0042]). Burn does not teach or suggest that any second person, and particularly not a Tokenizing Officer, is employed during the enrollment process. That is, Burn does not teach or suggest that the Tokenizing Officer utilizes a terminal in a badging facility to forward a unique ID number of a user to which a particular token is to be issued along with a unique ID number of a particular token ID number by storing the correspondence there between in a directory/database, wherein the Tokenizing Officer comprises a person, as recited in amended claim 11. Accordingly, Burn does not teach or suggest each and every element of amended claim 11. Thus, Burn does not anticipate amended claim 11 or make amended claim 11 obvious, and therefore, amended claim 11 should be patentable.

For the reasons described above, claims 1 and 11 should be patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 2-4, 9-10, 12-14 and 19-20 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 2-4, 9-10, 12-14 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burn. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

As stated above, claim 2 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 2 is now moot. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from amended claim 1.

Claims 3-4, and 9-10 depend either directly or indirectly from amended claim 1 and are patentable for substantially the same reasons as amended claim 1, and for the specific elements recited therein. Accordingly, claims 3-4 and 9-10 should be patentable.

Additionally, regarding claim 3, as admitted in the Final Office Action, Burn does not teach a CMS checking for redundant user tokens and revoking any such user tokens, as recited in amended claim 3 (See Final Office Action, Page 4). The process recited in amended claim 3 ensures that a user has at most, one certificate. Burn discloses that each HTP includes a unique identifier and distinct identification numbers and certificates (See Burn, Para. [0047]). Burn does not teach or suggest that there is any limit to the number of HTPs that an individual user can have. That is, Burn does not teach or suggest a CMS checking for redundant user tokens and revoking any such user tokens, as recited in amended claim 3. Thus, Burn does not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 3.

Furthermore, regarding claim 4, Burn does not teach or suggest a CMS filling in an E-form from its directory/database and forwarding the filled E-form to a Tokenizing Officer. As stated above with respect to amended claim 1, Burn does not teach or suggest a Tokenizing Officer. Thus, Burn does not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 4.

Claims 12-14 and 19-20 depend either directly or indirectly from amended claim 11 and are patentable for substantially the same reasons as amended claim 11 and for the specific elements recited therein.

Additionally, regarding claim 12, Burn does not teach or suggest a Tokenizing Officer that reviews credentials of a user and forwards a user ID and token ID number to a CMS along with an E-form request and signature of the Tokenizing Officer. As stated above with respect to amended claim 11, Burn does not teach or suggest a Tokenizing Officer. Thus, Burn does not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 12.

Furthermore, claim 13 recites a CMS that checks for redundant user tokens and revokes any such user tokens. As stated above with respect to claim 3, Burn does not teach or suggest a limit to the number of HTPs that any one user can have. That is, Burn does not teach or suggest a CMS that checks for redundant user tokens and revokes any such user tokens, as recited in claim 13. Accordingly, Burn does not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 13.

Further still, claim 14 recites that a CMS fills in an E-form from a directory/database and forwards the filled E-form to a Tokenizing Officer. As stated above with respect to amended claim 11, Burn does not teach or suggest a Tokenizing Officer. Thus, Burn does not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 14.

For the reasons described above, claims 2-4, 9-10, 12-14 and 19-20 should be patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection of Claims 5-8 and 15-18 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 5-8 and 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Burn as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0078347 to Hericourt, et al. ("Hericourt"). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Claims 5 and 15 has been amended to correct formal matters.

Claims 5-8 depend either directly or indirectly from amended claim 1. The addition of Hericourt does not cure the aforementioned deficiencies of Burn. That is, Hericourt also does not teach or suggest reviewing, by a Tokenizing Officer, credentials of a user and token ID number to a CMS along with an E-form request and signature of the Tokenizing Officer, wherein the Tokenizing Officer comprises a person, as recited in amended claim 1, from which claims 5-9 depend. Accordingly, claims 5-8 should be patentable over the cited art.

Claims 15-18 depend either directly or indirectly from amended claim 11. The addition of Hericourt does not cure the aforementioned deficiencies of Burn. That is, Hericourt also does not teach or suggest that a Tokenizing Officer utilizes a terminal in a badging facility to forward a unique ID number of a user to which a particular token is to be issued along with a

unique ID number of the particular token to a CMS and where the CMS binds the unique ID number of the user to a particular token ID number by storing the correspondence there between in a directory/database, wherein the Tokenizing Office comprises a person, as recited in amended claim 11, from which claims 15-18 depend. Accordingly, claims 15-18 should be patentable over the cited art.

For the reasons described above, claims 5-8 and 15-18 should be patentable over the cited art. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and that the application be passed to issue.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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